

# E-HAPPENINGS

## WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE

September 2009

### NEWS AND EVENTS

#### **Western Commits to Sustainability**



Continuing the college's commitment to environmentally friendly practices, President Carol Lucey signed a document at the all-college start-up meeting that commits the college to increasing the college's energy sustainability and making WNC campuses carbon neutral. Although her signing of the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment is the college's formal obligation to the program, the college has a history of taking steps to lessen its impact on the environment. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2009-08-26a.php>

#### **Travel The World Through Film**

**Week 1: "Getting Home"**

**Friday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.**

**Marlette Hall, Cedar Building, Carson City**

**Free With WNC student ID, \$3 public**

How about an adventure abroad to kick off the weekend? A new Friday night film series will offer thought-provoking films that explore cultures from around the world. The films were produced in many different languages but are close captioned in English. The first film, "Getting Home" (101 minutes) has been called a soulful and humane comedy set in China. Others hail from Africa, South America and Europe. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2009-09-14a.php>



Scene from "Getting Home."

#### **Latino Community Event Invites Families to Campus**

**WNC Carson City - Saturday, Sept. 19, 9:30 am-2 pm**

**Free admission, lunch, child care & bus service from Carson & Dayton High Schools**

The third annual Latino Community Day College and Career Fair will offer area residents the chance to discover the many career and technical programs Western offers. Visitors of all ages will enjoy college tours, program demonstrations by faculty members, fun activities, and free raffle prizes. Information: Lupe Ramirez, 445-3344.

#### **Play Golf to Help WNC Students**

**Monday, Sept. 21**

**Thunder Canyon Golf & Country Club, Washoe Valley**

**Information/Registration: 445-3240**

Golfers who sign up for this year's fund raising tournament will have the chance to play Thunder Canyon Country Club in Washoe Valley: a spectacular venue that is usually open only to members. Designed by the acclaimed course architect Robert Muir Graves, the manicured course features 11 serene lakes and two winding streams that come into play on most holes. The entry fee of \$150 per person will include a continental breakfast, on-course refreshments, tee prizes, contests and a barbecue following the tournament. Reserve at the WNC Foundation Office: 445-3240. <http://www.wnc.edu/foundation/>

## ***WNC Helps Bring Powwow to Gardnerville***

A three-day welcome powwow at Lampe Park in Gardnerville will be celebrated Friday through Sunday, Sept. 25-27. The event is partially sponsored by WNC and starts Friday afternoon at with a health and college fair beginning at 2 p.m. Later that evening comedians will take the stage to entertain everyone at the free event. The powwow will feature beautiful native dress, drum contests, dancing, singing, arts and crafts, and food booths. Information: Lori Pasqua, 450-1355 or Lana Hicks, 287-9978.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2009-09-14b.php>

## ***Nevada's Wine Grape Industry Shows Promise***

If western Nevada becomes a center for the wine industry years from now, the origins will be traced in part to WNC's efforts and its Specialty Crop Institute. The Fallon area now has three wineries and this month's viticulture workshop attracted more than 80 participants, filling a classroom and making an impressive showing at a winery. Featured speaker Jack Watson, a viticulture expert from Washington, talked to growers about the challenges of growing grapes in a cold climate. Watson has been growing grapes in Washington since the 1980's and has been an instrumental figure there. Most of Washington's wine grapes are grown in the eastern side of the state with growing conditions similar to Nevada.

"Twenty-five years ago I was talking to a group of Washington farmers that were asking the same questions you're asking today," Watson told the group. At that time, Washington had seven wineries and 1,700 acres of grapes. Today, it has 650 wineries and 35,000 acres of grapes. Wine is now the second largest industry in the state, boosting Washington's tourism.

Growing grapes won't be easy in Nevada. Winter temperatures can damage and even kill grape stock. Growers will have to select for cold hardy strains and perhaps even breed new varieties. But wineries can make an impact on an area's economy in terms of agricultural production and tourism.

## ***ARTS***

### ***Art Gallery Season Kicks Off With Faculty Work***

***Monday, Sept. 14-Thursday, Oct. 8***



***College & Main Galleries, Carson City Campus***

***Reception: Wednesday, Sept. 16, 4:30-6 pm***

***Free Admission***

Western opens the fall art gallery season with works by WNC art faculty members from the Carson City, Douglas and Fallon campuses. Works represent ranges from the traditional to the contemporary in painting, drawing, photographs, prints and sculpture. They include "Wordplay" by Sharon Tetley, at left.

Artists participating: Gil Martin, Brad Sumner, Lori Bishop and Robert Petersen from Fallon; Alison Harris, Janice Powell Shedd and Tina Tyrrell from Douglas; and Gary Brown, Jill Brugler, Norma Carder, Grant Kremers, Galen Brown, Connie Peng and Sharon Tetly from our Carson campus. Joining the show are two artists important to our art program and galleries: employees Chelsie Hamtak and Monica Fairbanks.

### ***Getto Gallery Explores The Serious and Light-Hearted***

***"Always Lost" through Friday, Sept. 18***

***"Stop the Car, Dad" Wednesday, Sept. 23-Friday, Nov. 13***

***Virgil Getto Hall, WNC Campus, Fallon***

***Free Admission***

The thought-provoking exhibit, "Always Lost" has moved from Carson City to Fallon through this week. In a much lighter vein, "Stop the Car, Dad!" is a collection of Nevada roadside photographs showing abandoned military installations, strange roadside architecture and transmutation of the Nevada landscape through boom and bust cycles. Photos are by Erik Lauritzen, who chronicles solitary signs and deserted buildings as intriguing records of history. At right, the old Fallon drive-in screen.



**Plan Now for "The King and I" on Stage**  
**Weekends, November 7-22, Carson City Community Center**  
**Evening Performances: 7:30 pm Matinees: 2 pm**  
**Tickets: 445-4249**

WNC's Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company will bring this beloved musical to Carson City for the first time. Winner of multiple Tony and Academy awards, "The King and I" tells the story of a British schoolteacher coming to Siam to educate the children of the King, a ruler entrenched in Eastern customs but intrigued with the West. Their unexpected and unlikely affection for each other overrides the vast cultural differences that separate them. The story is embellished by some of Broadway's most beloved numbers, including Shall We Dance, Getting To Know You and I Have Dreamed.

## **COLLEGE CORNER**

### **Welcome To New Employees**

Now that everyone is back in place and classes have begun, here's a chance to get to know our new employees. Please welcome:

Catherine Fuller, nursing instructor, Carson Campus

Lorene Addison, coordinator, Fernley

Kevin Edwards, outreach specialist, Carson Campus

Jennifer Wray, counselor, Fallon

Leah Wentworth, women's softball coach, Carson Campus

Elizabeth Robinson, programmer/analyst, Admissions and Records, Carson Campus

Jamie Craig, IMS Publications Development and Projects Manager, Carson Campus

Chester Burton, controller, Carson Campus

Elizabeth Tattersall, biology instructor, Douglas Campus

Ron Belbin, Library Services specialist

Ronnie Gibbs, outreach counselor, Counseling Services

### **WNC Fallon Goes All Out to Win Parade Prize**



WNC Fallon took the "Most Creative Group" Award during the Cantaloupe Festival Parade on Labor Day with an ambitious theme. Showing the progress from pre-World War II to the new frontier of space exploration, WNC had a 1940 Ford and a 1952 Ford truck, a large float carrying Elvis and "I Dream of Jeannie," and a procession of motorcycles, including one that had a trailer depicting the lunar command module and re-entry capsule. Congratulations to instructor Janet King who worked with many of her students, and everyone at WNC Fallon who participated.

### **Western Taking Swine Flu Precautions**

College health officials are advising due diligence on campus in an effort to avoid multiple cases of H1N1 flu at WNC. Notices around campus are reminding people to wash their hands and cover their mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing. To minimize risk, students and staff who exhibit flu symptoms should practice self-isolation and not return to campus until they have recovered. Faculty should help students with distance-learning methods so they can keep up with their studies. No one knows how the severity of the flu season will play out, either in areas that will be hard hit, or the morbidity, but predictions are a potential 30 to 50 percent infection rate. Children and young adults to age 25 are considered the ones most at risk. Vaccine supplies are expected to become available next month, and faculty and students should check news sources for the time and dates for flu shot clinics.



### **Don May - Employee of the Month**

Congratulations to Don May in Mail Services, who sets a fine example for all of us at Western: pitching in and helping, even when he isn't asked. Many of us have been requested to do more in difficult economic times, but Don set a high bar recently by moving heavy rocks in the ditch outside of the Cedar Building. Don said he was caught up with his work and decided to help the buildings and grounds staff. Don has worked for the college for five years and his son Tyler is playing baseball for the Wildcats this season.

## ***Self-Study Accreditation Committee Sets Hearings***

***Fridays, 1:30-3:30 pm***

***Cedar Building 308, Carson City; Getto Hall 308, Fallon***

Many on campus have been part of the accreditation self-study report. Western is preparing for the comprehensive accreditation visit that the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities will make in April. The following meetings are planned to provide feedback on draft reports regarding the nine standards the college must meet. Report drafts are to be completed by October 1 and will be posted on our web site as completed. Meeting schedule:

**October 9:** Standard Two, Educational Program and Effectiveness; Standard Four, Faculty

**October 16:** Standard One, Institutional Mission and Goals, Planning and Effectiveness; Standard Six, Governance and Administration

**November 6:** Standard Three, Student Success Rates; Standard Five, Library and Information Services

**November 13:** Standard Seven, Finance; Standard Eight, Physical Resources; Standard Nine, Institutional Integrity. <http://www.wnc.edu/accreditation/>

## ***Constitution Day To Be Observed Thursday, Sept. 17***

Everyone celebrates Independence Day, but since 2004, Constitution Day, also called Citizenship Day, has been gaining ground. Western will join with colleges around the country in discussing the Constitution in classes on September 17. That was the day the Constitutional Convention signed the document in 1787. All four pages of that original Constitution, now 222 years old, can be seen at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. The Constitution has also proved its perseverance in content: more than 11,000 amendments have been introduced in Congress. Thirty-three have gone to the states to be ratified and 27 have received the necessary approval from the states to actually become amendments. Around the country, the day has been celebrated with naturalization ceremonies for new citizens, recitations of the preamble to the Constitution, and patriotic music.